CACA Multi-Service Center Newsletter September, 1973

\$21,000 Goes to Adult Ed. Programs

Three separate adult education programs in Chinatown recently received from three different sources financial help totaling over \$21,000.

Chinese-American The Civic Association (CACA) which drafted the proposal for the three programs, after a year of lengthy negotiations with the Mass. State Department of Education, was awarded an educational grant of \$20,000 on August 3, 1973.

Earlier, a cash contribution of \$500 was donated to CACA's adult education fund by the Boston Chapter of the International Ladies Garment Union.

A third gift in the form of two Bryant gas furnaces estimated at a total value of \$600 was given by the Boston Gas Company on Au-14. The gas-fired counterflow furnaces will supply heat to two class-rooms on the third floor of the 18 Oxford Street build-

The three adult education programs teach English and other courses to restaurant workers, garment workers, housewives and immigrants. The schedules of these programs are tailored to their convenience. The sponsors of these programs are CACA, an independent group called the Saturday classes and the Maryknoll Sisters Center. Although the latter two groups are independent, each works in

cooperation with the CACA.

Referring to the gas furnaces, Dick Len, chairman of the CACA adult education committee and past president of CACA, said "The two gas furnaces are most welcome and the students will sure be glad to see them in the coming cold winter months."

Students at the adult classes on Oxford Street have in the past had to endure cold, heatless classrooms.

\$20,000 from the The State Department of Educa-Division of Occupation. tional Education, is to be used for the improvement and expansion of the three adult education programs in a one year period beginning July 9, 1973.

According to Dick Len, the money will first be used to update and streamline the present curriculum. Then efforts will be directed toward the expansion of these programs.

SAMPAN, in its May, 1973 issue, featured an article on the three adult education programs along with a schedule of time and meeting places.

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BILINGUAL SOCIAL SECURITY BOOKLET

For the past year THE SAMPAR has devoted space to informing its readers of benefits available.

Current legislation enacted by Longress last fall resulted in many changes in Social Security program affecting retirement and survivors' benefits, disability benefits and Medicare.

A very important bi-lingual Looklet, "What Social Security Heans to You" has recently been printed by the Health, Education and Helfare Department (HEM) of the federal government. It is an excellent and informative panphlet which has page by page Chinese translation about the Social Security program.

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A great'deal of information deals uniquely with the Chinese in the U.S.

The booklet answers questions such as:

* If my wife lives in Hong Kong can she receive benefits there?

* How do I prove the ages of my children if they were born in China?

* How do I get a number or change my name on Social Security records?

Limited copies of this excellent guide are available at the CACA Multi-Service Center now located at 85 Tyler Street.

Miss Ava Chung, Social Security representative, is also available Monday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., to answer any questions you may have.

Because of the importance of the Social Securi-

ty to many members of the community, THE SAMPAN will reprint significant sections of the booklet in future editions of the newspaper.

Job Listings Are Eliminated

The SAMPAN will no longer be listing job openings due to production and technical obstacles by the time the newspaper is published and distributed nearly all jobs are already filled. If anyone is interested in seeking a job, they should go to 35 Tyler Street to see the many new job listings or call 423-1926, or 426-8673. New job openings are always being received and updated sometimes on a daily basis.



WARMING UP TO NEW FURNACES donated by the Boston Gas Co. to the community's adult education program are (left to right): Wayne Canton, Boston Gas public affairs specialist; Richard Len, past president of the CACA, Gayle Chan, coordinator of the Saturday afternoon classes; Frank Lee, engineer for Boston Gas; Virginia On, Boston Gas secretary; and Ed Kodzis, Boston Gas sales representative.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Critical of Report of Clinic Director Resignation

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find a copy of the August 8th letter sent to the members of the General Board of the Boston Chinese Community Health Center concerning the resignation of our Executive Director. The Board of Directors has asked me to express their concern over your reporting of this affair since it appears that your article was gleaned principally from an internal staff memo prepared by Mr. Fong and written without contacting the Board.

My personal recollection is that I was contacted by you Saturday afternoon, August 4 indicated that I could not meet with you until Monday, and suggested that you contact other members of our Board if a weekday meeting was inconvenient.

We would appreciate your making known to your readers that the enclosed letter is on file at our office at 199 Harrison Avenue and that we would be most happy to answer enquiries concerning this letter.

We regret your amplification of one side of this issue and solicit your responsible participation in the programs of the Health

Center. For the Board of Directors I remain, FRANCIS H. CHANG President Board of Directors Boston Chinese Comm. Health Services, Inc. Aug. 17, 1973

Editor's Response

A scheduled meeting--according to the understanding of the SAMPAN reporter -- did not materialize due to Mr. Chang's non-appear ance. Apparently a break in communication led to the reporter's inability to meet with Mr. Chang prior to publication of the James Fong resignation story appearing in last month's issue. Attempts to reach other members of the Board before the pubdeadline lication proved fruitless.

Per our discussions and the Executive Board's decision to make no public statements or to give its side of the story--the situation remains as cloudy as ever.

The attached letter of explanation from the Board--which is available to the public --does not clarify, but continues to confuse the outsider as to what events actually

took place leading up to Mr. Fong's resignation. The letter fails to answer many questions as to why a lame duck executive board would leave such a weighty burden on the incoming board, a mandate to fire its director. What expectations did the old board have? How were they failed?

As a whole, the Board's letter fails to contradict the report SAMPAN filed a-bout the resignation. Mr. Fong's statements, observations and feelings--as reported--are his own. The SAMPAN staff stands on its story as a report to accuracy--given the information it has access to, facts perhaps now limited by the Board's self-imposed silence and unwillingness to explain itself and its actions to the community. Supposedly, the community i t serves.

-- THE EDITOR

SPECIAL THANKS go to SAMPAN contributors --Mardi Ayres, Frank Chin, Shou Wan Leong, Becky Mui, Sharyn Sooho, Douglas Wong and Paul Chin and the Boys' Club, Reginald Wong and Company.

Held in Boston

National Wong Assoc. Convention

Early this month, the Boston chapter of the Wong Family Benevolent Association hosted the 11th National Wong Family Convention.

Headquarters for the convention is held every three years at a host city selected by members of the preceeding convention.

This year, Wong family members converged from all

parts of the United States as well as from the Orient, Canada and South America. At press time the number of participants was not available, but early responses indicated a record attendance was likely.

Opening ceremonies for the convention was conducted on Sept. 10 at the newly-renovated auditorium at the new Beach Street building with a special "house-warming" ceremony. A banquet for members and guests was held that night at the Statler Hilton Hotel. After dinner, the Wongs--en masse--moved to the Bradford Hotel for entertainment: Cantonese Opera.



BREAKING GROUND FOR Chinatown's Pagoda Park (left to right) are Bob Lee, CCBA President, Mayor Kevin White, and Frank Chin, Pagoda Park Committee.

Elderly Housing

Housing for senior citizens is now available in Brookline.

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For applications or more information, contact Mrs.Pamela McClain, 78 Crowinshield Road, Brookline, Mass., 02146, phone 731-2269; or contact the Human Relations Commission for the Town of Brookline, 320 Washington St., 4th floor, Brookline, Mass., 02146, phone 731-0061 or 731-0062.

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Personnel Mgrs, **CACA Discuss Employment**

Chinese - American Association (CACA) Civic Multi-Service Center and the Personnel Managers Club Boston co-hosted luncheon meeting August 15 at the China Pearl Restaurant to discuss Chinese employment problems.

Various views were presented to more than 70 personnel representatives from the Greater Boston area. The problems and needs of the Chinese community in employment seeking discussed by Hay Ling Tong, director of the CACA Multi-Service Center, and Janet Eng, job counselor with the Division of Employment Security.

Bill Bray and Bob Campbell representatives from Chinese YHCA, spoke about youth employment problems.

Personnel consultant Linda Heabon from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston related personal experiences in hiring the Chinese. Although Hiss Heabon found language to be a common barrier to both employer and employee, she favored hiring Chinese people whom she had found to be friendly, dependable, and quick to learn.

Those who attended the meeting expressed interest in working with the CACA Multi-Service Center for employment referrals.

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